

## WOULD EDUCATE CHILD OF FUTURE FOR ACTUAL LIFE

Conference Asked to Attack Ancient Teaching Methods.

### MAIN BODIES TO BEGIN TO-DAY

Farmers, Business Men and Preachers Will Meet—Mrs. Littleton Decides Not to Inject Monticello Controversy. Women's Education Is Discussed.

### Corrected Program of To-Day's Events

- 9 A. M.—Conference of Editors, Room 4, Jefferson Hotel.
- 10 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.—Farmers' Conference, auditorium of Seventh Street Christian Church Annex.
- 10 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.—Business Men's Conference, auditorium of Jefferson Hotel.
- 10 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.—Conference of Virginia Preachers, Joseph Bryan Auditorium, Young Men's Christian Association.
- 10 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.—Interstate Conference of Superintendents, auditorium Virginia Mechanical Institute.
- 10 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.—League of Southern Women Writers, at Woman's Club.
- 2:30—Conference on Education of the Negro, assembly room, Young Men's Christian Association.
- 8 P. M.—Ambassador Page, Governor Mann, Mayor Alsie, L. E. Johnson and Dr. Charles E. Raper, at John Marshall High School.
- After meeting, reception by Governor and Mrs. William Hodges Mann, at Executive Mansion.

Nothing short of a revolution in methods of teaching in the public schools of the Southern States is proposed by the Conference for Education in the South, which will convene for the consideration of that body at the meeting to-morrow afternoon in the Jefferson Hotel. The program, destined to be the feature of the entire meeting, is as follows: The purely educational part is concerned with the discussion of the methods of teaching, and the conference of Presidents of State Colleges for Women, and received the hearty endorsement of that body.

The paper, which all the educators to be talking yesterday morning, is the work of Professor H. L. Whitte, president of the State Institute and Industrial College of Mississippi, at Columbus. He was asked to lay it before the Conference for Education of Women in the Country.

**Educate for Living.**

It is the belief of Professor Whitte that the time has come at last when the public should know what leading educators have felt for some time—that the entire system, or lack thereof, of public education, woefully fails of what should be its real purpose, fitting the child for the life he is to lead. While human endeavor in every other line has been advancing, the methods of teaching are now the same as they were in the days of Socrates—giving the student a prescribed dose of so much learning, without regard to the use he can or will make of it after he leaves the schoolroom.

"When you and I went to school," said Prof. Whitte yesterday, "we were told to get through with so much grammar or so much mathematics, and we took it, feeling that it ought to do us some good. The time has arrived

## THREE IN CONTEST FOR D. A. R. HEAD

Retiring President-General Denounces as Unfounded Attacks on Financial Affairs.



MRS. MATTHEW T. SCOTT, Retiring President-General D. A. R.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, April 15.—Mrs. John Miller Horton, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. William Cunningham Story, of New York City, and Mrs. Charles R. Bryan, of Memphis, Tenn., will lead a three-cornered fight for the presidency-generalship of the D. A. R., when balloting begins at 9 o'clock to-morrow. This was decided upon at a late night session of the delegates to the convention. Each of the candidates has a full ticket for the minor offices of the organization in the field, and a spirited contest is predicted.

"Dark horses" failed to materialize at to-night's session. The nominating session passed off quietly, trouble threatening only once. That was when somebody suggested that second speeches be limited to one minute each. It was near midnight when the congress adjourned.

Attacks by conservative leaders upon the conduct of the financial affairs of the organization, now holding its Continental Congress here, were denounced as unfounded to-day by Mrs. Matthew T. Scott, retiring president-general, in her report on the indebtedness of the organization to the D. A. R., which she declared were reports had been circulated by the faction of the society that desired a change in the administration of the society's affairs.

**Intimation Is Liable.**

"There may be reasons," said Mrs. Scott, "why you may prefer a change in the administration of your affairs. To every woman in the organization belongs the inalienable right to have her own opinion on these matters, and to every woman belongs the inalienable right to give that opinion expression on the ballot. But the intimation that such a change is necessary in order that money contributed to the payment of the debt on Memorial Continental Hall may be specifically applied to the payment of that debt is liable."

## ALDERMEN URGE BOARD TO RETAIN CITY ENGINEER

Join Lower Branch in Opposing Acceptance of His Resignation.

### BEGIN MOVE FOR UNION STATION

Calls for Papers Relating to Salary Increases, Which Administrative Board Tabled, So That They May Be Put on Their Passage—Many Other Matters.

### What the Aldermen Did

Requested Administrative Board not to accept the resignation of Charles E. Bolling as City Engineer.

Authorized appointment of a special committee to negotiate with railroad entering city as to erection of union passenger station.

Authorized appointment of special committee to prepare amendments to the city charter for presentation to next Legislature.

Ordered advertisement of street railway franchise west of the Boulevard, on petition of Virginia Railway and Power Company, and on North Thirty-fifth Street, on petition of Richmond and Henrico Company.

Appropriated \$500 for expenses of special committee on annexation.

Authorized appointment of acting Auditor, pending illness of E. J. Warren.

Directed City Attorney to condemn land to open Fifteenth Street as eighty-foot boulevard to new Mayo Bridge.

Called on Administrative Board to return forthwith papers relating to increase in pay of firemen, policemen and the Mayor, in order that they may be adopted.

By unanimous action, the Board of Aldermen last night concurred in the resolution adopted by the common Council expressing its regret at the resignation of Charles E. Bolling as City Engineer, its confidence in Mr. Bolling, and its unwillingness to have any change in the Engineer's Department made at this time, and requesting the Administrative Board to decline to accept the resignation, and to appoint such additional assistance and office force as may be necessary to perform the many and varied duties devolving on the office. The resolution was offered by Councilman Peters at the last meeting of the Common Council. As it takes the form of a joint resolution of the City Council, it will be presented to Mayor Alsie for approval to-day, and will then be forwarded to the Administrative Board.

**Union Passenger Station.**

At the request of Alderman Disney, the rules were suspended and a joint resolution adopted providing for the appointment of a special committee to consist of the president of each branch of the Council, two Aldermen and three Councilmen, to confer with the presidents or other authorized representatives of the various railroads entering the city, with a view to the selection of a site for a union passenger station for the use and accommodation of all the steam railroads entering the city. The action was unanimous.

Just at the close of the session President Adams offered and secured unanimous adoption of a resolution providing for the appointment of a special joint committee of five, two Aldermen and three Councilmen, to study and recommend for consideration such changes in the charter of the city as may be desirable to ask at the hands of the next session of the General Assembly.

Adams said that it was not his intention to suggest drastic charter changes, but that many minor defects had been found in the Administrative Board provisions, causing conflict of authority between that body and the Council, which should be smoothed out.

**Two Franchises for Sale.**

The Board concurred in the resolution authorizing the advertisement for sale of the street railway franchise west of the Boulevard, petitioned for by the Virginia Railway and Power Company, and the franchise for the street railway franchise north of Broad Street from Robinson to the corporation, with a spur southward along West Street from Broad to Leonard, to Sheppard, and south on Sheppard to Cary. A franchise asked for by the Richmond and Henrico Railway north on Thirty-fifth Street, from Marshall to Dickinson, and thence along Dickinson to Oakwood Cemetery, was also ordered advertised, as required by law.

After passing a dozen much more

## ISSUE WITH JAPAN TO FRONT



VISCOUNT CHINDA, Japanese Ambassador Who Takes Up Matter of California Alien Land Law Directly With President.

## VICTORY OF "DRYS" CAUSES SURPRISE

"Wet" Forces Defeated in Danville Election by Vote of 691 to 623.

### END OF UNIQUE CAMPAIGN

Result Means That Similar Contests Will Be Waged in Lynchburg and Roanoke.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Danville, Va., April 15.—Coming like a clap of thunder out of a clear sky to the advocates of the "wet" cause, Danville voted "dry" to-day by a majority of 691 out of a total vote cast of 1,314.

The result came after one of the most unique campaigns ever conducted in the State of Virginia in a local option election. Not a speech was made in behalf of either side, and no publication of any kind issued, except this morning, when the "wet" forces published a statement in the morning daily.

Although fighting gamely to the finish, expected to lose out by a small margin.

The result, therefore, was a complete surprise. In the four wards entitled to vote on the question, the result stood: wets, 623; drys, 691.

Ever since the election was called, over a month ago, both sides have been busy mustering their forces for the final test, and every effort had been made to see that each qualified voter should be present to cast his ballot. Early this morning the opposing forces were on the scene, and vehicles of all kinds were busy during the entire day bringing out the vote.

Both sides expressed confidence through the day, and it was not until after the polls had closed that the hope was abandoned by the losing side.

The First Ward, which had been counted on by the "wets" either to break even or give a "wet" majority, was the first to be heard from, and went "dry" by 35 majority.

Shortly afterwards the Fourth Ward reported. This ward has always been "dry," but was not expected to go over "wet." When it was known that it had given the white ribboners a lead of eighty, the knowing politicians were convinced that the "drys" had won. In a few minutes the returns from the Third Ward showed a "wet" majority of only ten, confirmed this opinion. The Third had been counted upon by the "wets" for at least twenty-five and probably more.

With only one ward to hear from and a "dry" lead of more than 100, it was realized that the "wets" had a handicap that it was impossible to overcome.

The Second Ward, the last to report, and the ward considered to be the stronghold for the "wet" forces, finally returned a "wet" majority of thirty-eight, and the "drys" began their celebration.

The "wet" leaders, when seen to-night, stated that no contest would be made and that the result would remain unquestioned.

**Wet Press Advantage.**

It was made known here to-night that the result would mean that the "dry" forces would at once call elections in Lynchburg and Roanoke, hoping to press home their advantage.

The election here was practically without incident. The opposing forces were quiet, and no difficulties of any kind arose.

Many challenges were entered, but for the main they were expected. In the First Ward question as to registration arose and was decided in favor of the "drys." By this decision the "wet" forces lost probably fifteen to twenty votes.

## CONDITION OF POPE GROWS CRITICAL; DEATH NOW SEEMS MATTER OF HOURS

## MARTIN IS HELD BY CARD-SHARPERS

Missing Millionaire Is Alive, but Whereabouts Still Matter of Mystery.

### REPORTED THAT HE IS ILL

Object of Gang to Hold Him Prisoner Until He Agrees Not to Prosecute.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

London, April 15.—While it is known that J. Wilberforce Martin, the Tennessee millionaire, who has been missing since April 3, is still alive, his whereabouts are still a matter of mystery, both to the London police and the private detectives who are working on the case.

The statement of the International News Service last night that Martin was still alive, was borne out to-day by the opinions expressed by Scotland Yard and by Detective William J. Burns. Martin was located to-day on the fourth floor of a rooming house in the Kensington district, on the south side of the river. He was lying there ill, but when J. Lockhart Anderson, Captain Prior and private detectives went there, they found that the gang of card-sharpers who are holding the wealthy American prisoner, had moved him to an unknown address.

Anderson got this information from a Mrs. Bailey, a West End clairvoyant, who, it is supposed, is acting as intermediary for a titled woman, who is the wife of one of the gang. This member, it is thought, disgusted with them or fearful of the turn the matter has taken, wishes to break away, but is afraid if he discloses the exact whereabouts of Martin at this time, the gang would seek vengeance. On the other hand, he fears, should Martin die, he would be one of those accused of bringing about the prisoner's death.

**Leaves With Clairvoyant.**

The day's work started with Anderson, who is a friend of Martin, dining with Mrs. Bailey at the Savoy Hotel. He had previously notified Scotland Yard he would be there, and Chief Inspector Warn, with Detective Hobbs and six men, were in the hotel lobby for the purpose of getting a glimpse of the mysterious clairvoyant.

On leaving the Savoy, Anderson and the woman went to the Victoria Hotel, on Northumberland Avenue, where two of the instructions to Martin's disappearance, from the Victoria, Anderson, followed by the Scotland Yard men, went to the Carlton, where he and Mrs. Bailey had tea in the palm room.

During the interview, Anderson endeavored to get from the clairvoyant the exact location of the house in which Martin was confined in the Kensington district, but she professed ignorance on that point. All the information she was giving him, she said, had been obtained from 1,200 spirits.

It is assumed by Anderson that the object of the gang is to hold Martin a prisoner until Anderson agrees not to prosecute them, when they will notify him where Martin may be found. Instructions to-day that the clairvoyant address, he will find his friend alone and the gang departed for parts unknown. Anderson is absolutely re-

## Hasty Preparations Are Made by Vatican Prelates in Anticipation of End.

## PULSE VERY FAST; UNABLE TO TAKE NOURISHMENT

Symptoms of Pneumonia, Affecting Left Lung, Materially Increase—Chief Papal Physician and His Assistant Remain Throughout Night at Bedside of Pontiff; While Brother, Sisters and Nephew Also Watch Over Stricken Churchman. Sudden Change for Worse Again Transforms Feeling of Optimism Into One of Grave Anxiety—Inquiry Regarding Progress of Illness Made on Behalf of King Alfonso.

Rome, April 16.—A. M.—Pope Pius XI is expected to die to-day by Dr. Amici and Vatican prelates. The life of the Pontiff has been ebbing lower each hour, and nearly all of those within the papal bed chamber fear that he will not live until Thursday. At this hour it was reported that the Pope's temperature had risen to over 102 degrees during the night, and had not shown any signs of abatement. His left lung and bronchial tubes are seriously congested, and the symptoms of pneumonia remain threatening.

Dr. Amici left the papal chamber for a moment early to-day, and said to a friend:

"I fear His Holiness will not see the dawn of Thursday."

It was reported this morning that Professor Marchisiani and Dr. Amici, who have remained constantly in the sick room, had administered heart stimulants more frequently during the night.

**CONGESTION MORE PERSISTENT.**

It was learned this morning that Cardinal Merry del Val struck out the statement from an early bulletin which said that the Pope's expectation had diminished, but that his throat had become dry. Unless this condition is changed within an hour the physicians will be forced to administer emetics to the patient to enable him to free his throat and lungs from the congestion which is becoming more persistent.

Unless the Pope is able to rid himself of a portion of this congestion, it is feared that he will choke to death during one of the collapses which have marked the progress of his relapse.

Monsignor Parolin, the Pope's nephew, became so alarmed at one time after midnight that he begged Cardinal Merry del Val to hasten the administration of the last sacraments. Upon the advice of the physicians this was not done; in his present condition the Pontiff could not retain the viaticum, even though the condition of his throat was such as to enable him to swallow the thin wafer. The physicians further felt

## NUMBER OF SENATORS SUMMONED BY WILSON

President Discusses Prospective Appointments With Martin, Swanson and Others.

### PAGE'S NAME SENT TO SENATE

University of Virginia Graduate to Be United States District Attorney in New York.

Washington, April 15.—President Wilson cut away his regular afternoon program of receptions to-day and consulted a number of Senators about prospective appointments.

Senators Vardaman, of Mississippi; La Follette, of Wisconsin; Martin, of Virginia; Fall, of New Mexico, and Warren and Clark, of Wyoming, were among those summoned to the White House.

The President is understood to have discussed only minor appointments. Senator La Follette said he had mentioned no other subject. Senator Vardaman, however, chatted a few minutes about expediting the tariff bill in the Senate, commending the President for his effort to get prompt action.

Mr. Wilson is giving his attention to scores of minor appointments and expects to make rapid inroads this week into the list of postmasterships, many of which went to the Senate to-day. So far as is known the President has not made any more diplomatic selections. He sent the name of Walter Hines Page, to be ambassador to Great Britain, to the Senate to-day.

**Student at Princeton.**

Samuel Houston Thompson, of Denver, former Republican Attorney-General of Colorado, has been selected for

## Mitchell's Leaving South Carolina Regarded by Blease as "His Victory"

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Columbia, S. C., April 15.—Governor Cole L. Blease is not sorry that Dr. S. C. Mitchell, president of the University of South Carolina, will go to Virginia. South Carolina's chief executive boasts of "his victory" in an interview to-day.

Governor Blease dictated the following interview on the Mitchell resignation this morning to a representative of an afternoon newspaper:

"I am not surprised at Dr. Mitchell's leaving. I knew when I made my inaugural in January that I was sending in a centre-shot, and when I introduced my resolution at the board meeting the other day, which I alone voted for, I saw before me a resignation. Broken-down and retired politicians may vote against you, but they are generally losers, and I never get disheartened when they disagree with my ideas. It is a sign that I win, and I did. When a fellow is pausing between two jobs, a resolution like that from the Governor and chairman of the board makes him hasten to the other job, even if other fellows do vote 'no.' So after that resolution I am not surprised that I won my victory as soon as I did.

"And now answer me a question: How do you suppose those trustees, the students, this Chamber of Commerce here and others feel, saying to Mitchell: 'Oh, doctor, we can't do without you! Dear doctor, please don't go,' and he replies: 'Aha, good little boys! I love to hear you beg, but I have another job back at my old home?'

"I care not for thee, only temporally, my lad.

"Who knew him best, or if?

"It is an old saying, and a very true one: he is a wise guy who knows when to quit."

## ANNOUNCES POLICY OF HIS DEPARTMENT

Postmaster-General Burleson Says Business and Not Politics Will Be His Guide.

Washington, April 15.—Postmaster-General Burleson announced to-day that it was the administration's policy to continue a Republican postmasters now in office to the end of their terms, provided no charges were sustained against their efficiency. The policy applies to all classes of postmasters.

"My department will be run on business lines, and not by politics," said Mr. Burleson, in explaining the new policy. He declared that there might be some removals, but he believed that the majority of the postmasters were efficient and would not be disturbed.

"There will have to be specific charges of inefficiency, however," he added, "before any one will be removed."

Mr. Burleson said the decision had been reached after conferences with President Wilson, who favored the merit system.

## STRONG OPPOSITION IS WITHOUT AVAIL

Insurance Companies Protest Against Inclusion as Taxable Organizations.

### SLOW WORK ON TARIFF BILL

Anti-Free Wool Democrats Will Begin Strenuous Fight To-Day.

Washington, April 15.—Democratic representatives from all sections are being besieged in letters and by representatives of insurance companies protesting against their inclusion as taxable organizations under the tariff bill, now under consideration before the House Democratic caucus.

Representative Hull, of Tennessee, author of the income tax feature, said to-day his desk was piled with mail from insurance companies, protesting that they are not profitable organizations. The matter may be brought up in caucus, but the Democratic leaders declare that insurance organizations were given careful consideration when the law was framed and that opposition will not avail.

With the caucus making slow progress on the tariff bill, the wool schedule probably will be reached to-morrow, when the opposition Democrats will make their most strenuous fight. The anti-free raw wool Representatives have organized for the contest and, although the odds against them are admittedly overwhelming, they are determined to make a determined struggle to bind the caucus to a 15 per cent duty on raw wool as a substitute for its free listing by the committee at the request of President Wilson.

Representative Ashbrook, of Ohio, is chairman of the free wool opponents' conference. Failure in the caucus may result in requests for exemption from